

REMARKS

With this preliminary amendment, claim 1 has been canceled and claim 16 has been amended. With respect to the latter, the structure in originally filed 16 was actually the structure of formula (II) and not formula (III); with the change to claim 16, the structure of formula (III) is properly placed within this claim. Support for the change is found in the specification at *inter alia* pages 7 and 19.

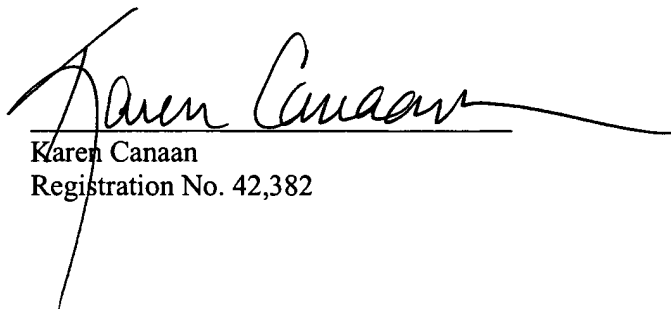
In addition, the specification has been amended to reflect the government funding contract for the inventive work that led to the subject matter of this patent application.

With the changes set forth in this preliminary amendment, this application should be in condition for allowance; accordingly, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the application as amended.

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